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ACTION ON THE CORDINER REPORT?

It is reported that a bipartisan effort is underway in Congress to upset the Administration's plans to sidetrack the Cordiner proposals. The so-called Cordiner proposals are those which a commission, headed by Ralph J. Cordiner, president of General Electric Company, made after eight months of study of the armed services' pay program.

The commission, appointed by President Eisenhower, came up with a new pay scale designed to halt the steady rate of resignations in the services of highly qualified technical personnel, and as soon as the report was released, it was hailed by both civilian and military leaders as the best thing to come out of Washington, in its field, in a long time.

Senators and congressmen believe that defense costs could be reduced by five billion dollars within the next five years and the combat readiness of the services greatly improved by the adoption of the Cordiner proposals. These savings would result because the tremendous training program, which must be constantly maintained in the services, could be greatly reduced if the reenlistment rate were improved by better pay for highly-trained personnel.

The Cordiner proposal would pay a specialist, who, in civilian life, would be earning a good living, more than an ordinary soldier.

With only one reservation, we are solidly behind the Cordiner report. We believe that any serviceman sent into combat should receive the top rate of pay for his rank.

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PRICES SET RECORD

Consumer prices reached a new record in May, rising for the ninth month in a row. Increased food prices, which are normal for this time of year, were a major factor in the upward trend.

However, the rise means that factory workers, and many others, take a decrease in purchasing power as the inflationary spiral slowly continues. Purchasing power has been dropping since late 1956.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, reports that the price index rose 0.3 per cent in May to 119.6. This is 3.6 per cent higher than it was in May, 1956.

The recent increase in the price of steel and prospective price increases for new cars, either this year or next, make it apparent that President Eisenhower's declaration, at a recent news conference, that inflation was still a real danger, is not merely an idle warning.

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GALLANT BAND OF SOUTHERNERS

As this is written, a gallant band of Southern Senators are fighting with their backs to the wall, in the desperate hope of defeating the dangerous Eisenhower Civil Rights Bill in the Senate. It is our opinion that it is unfair to call the Southern effort a "filibuster" but if that is the designation, then grant the Southerners voice and health to keep their effort going until successful. This bill needs discussion. It needs to be debated at great length. The mass of the people must be shown that it endangers civil rights rather than protects them. If it is necessary to "talk all summer" to make the people see this, then more power to those doing the talking.

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RISING INTEREST RATES

Whereas many banks, formerly, in some cases, paid as little as one per cent interest, or slightly more, a few years back, many of them are now paying three per cent interest, and some are allowing their depositors to withdraw their accounts at any time they wish.

The increase in interest rates by banks and loan associations reflects the general increase in interest rates which has gone into effect all over the United States. The Government is now having to pay much more for its money, and those who loan large sums of money are enjoying a much higher rate of interest than they were a few years back.

The major significance of the recent increase in bank rates is that it brings investments in savings accounts into line with the return on many common stocks, and thereby should tend to create a trend back toward savings deposits, as a means of saving among the public.

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DALTON'S HAT IN THE RING

When State Senator Ted Dalton, of Radford, accepted the nomination of Virginia Republicans to head their ticket as candidate for Governor, it can be interpreted to mean only one thing: each party has put forth its ablest and most vigorous candidate. The Democrats united behind the candidacy of J. Lindsay Almond because it was apparent that Judge Almond would make the strongest race. Now The Republicans have followed suit, and put up their ablest candidate. There should be an interesting and informative debate on the issues, and on a high plane, between now and the General Election in November.

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We take no pleasure in announcing that, before the year is out, crepe will hang on some door because somebody speeds on the highway.

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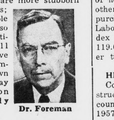
Devotional Reading: Psalm 119:33-40

To Give Advice

Lesson for July 14, 1957

TO GIVE advice is easy: to give advice that people will take is not so easy. To give advice that people will be glad they took, is hardest of all. Besides, some people are harder customers for advice than other people. Old people sometimes are more stubborn than young ones; successful people may not listen so readily to criticism as will those who have failed; and members of one's own family may pay less attention than anybody else.



Dr. Foreman

Old Man Jethro

There is a story in the Old Testament of a very old man who gave advice to another man who was younger than he, but still an old man too. The younger man had been tremendously successful, much more so than his father-in-law had ever been. Yet it was the father-in-law who gave the advice. His name was Jethro and he lived about as far off all the beaten tracks as a man could go. When the young Moses had fled from a murder charge, naturally he had gone as far from civilization as he could; and there he came across Jethro, priest and stock-raiser. Moses had married one of his daughters, a somewhat stupid girl, no match for the brilliant Moses. Now, forty-odd years later, with all the glory of the great escape from Egypt fresh upon him, Moses had brought his grumbling people (most ungrateful for their freedom!) out to this same remote region to get organized for their march to Canaan. All day long old Jethro watched his son-in-law, sitting in the midst of a swarming crowd, all talking at once, no doubt, asking questions, demanding attention, complaining of grievances, accusing their neighbors, wanting Moses to settle all their quarrels. It was too much for any man, even a Moses. Old Jethro gave him a simple piece of advice: Set up a graded system of judges. Don't try all the cases yourself, only the hard ones. So Moses took the advice . . . and it worked so well that, forty years or so later, Moses seems to have believed that he himself had thought of the bright idea first.

Character

Why did Moses take the advice of Jethro so quickly? Of course the main reason, no doubt, was that having lived with Jethro for nearly forty years, Moses had listened to the old man before and knew he did not talk nonsense. But what was it that made Jethro worth listening to? To put it into terms of our own problems: What do I need, to get my own advice taken by other people? How can I learn to give advice that people will follow and like? The first thing needed, in order to give advice wisely, is **character.** Jethro was a man of God. Possibly his idea of God was not up to the Christian standard, perhaps not even up to that of Moses. But the God he knew, he revered and served. Then he was not only religious, he was practical. He knew what would work and what would not. A man of deep faith and conviction, who is also solidly practical, is the best kind of counselor, and people know it.

Acquaintance

Another thing: Jethro and Moses had lived side by side for forty years. Jethro knew Moses like a book, he knew his ability and his limitations. Advice is not best given by total strangers. Sometimes people in trouble will appeal to complete strangers for advice, but that is only because they don't like to tell some local man (or woman) the whole truth. In giving advice, the counselor needs to know as much as possible about the whole background of the person he is advising.

Concern

More than acquaintance is needed, to be a welcomed adviser. The aged Jethro could see that Moses was wearing down, under the impossible burdens he was trying to carry. If Jethro had not cared, he would hardly have offered advice. But he did care; and Moses knew it. Advice is not best when served cold. A good counselor advises from the heart not, less than from the head. With the head, one can analyze a situation; but only with the heart can the adviser put himself in the place of the one he helps.

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Washington Notes

TRAFFIC DEATHS OFF

Fatalities from traffic accidents in the cities of the nation during May were off six per cent, according to the National Safety Council. The national reduction in traffic deaths was only 2 per cent, however. The May total of 3,100 deaths compared with 3,170 in May, 1956.

LIFE INSURANCE

For the first half of 1957, purchases of new life insurance totaled $33,000,000,000, thirty per cent above the 1956 period, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

CONSUMER PRICES

Consumer prices reached a new high in May for the ninth consecutive month, with rising food prices a major factor in the increase. The upward trend, combined with a downward trend in the number of hours worked a week led to another small drop in factory workers' purchasing power. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer price index rose 0.3 per cent in May to 119.6. This was 3.6 per cent higher than in May, 1956.

HEAVY BUILDING OFF

Contracts awarded for heavy construction projects throughout the country for the first six months of 1957 were $9,445,000,000, of 17 per cent below the same months last year. In the first half of 1956, contracts were running 21 per cent above 1955.

VETS BONUSES

Between 1946 and 1955, the forty-eight states spent $3,129,000,000 on veterans' programs, and of this, $2,444,000,000 was for bonuses, according to the Tax Foundation, Inc. The Federal Government, in the same period, spent $23,000,000,000 on programs aimed at rehabilitating and readjusting veterans. It also guaranteed veterans' loans of $31,000,000,000 for homes, farms and businesses.

U. S. RED CARPET

The United States Government now owns a red carpet to be used for rolling out purposes whenever foreign dignitaries visit in Washington. The new carpet was used for the first time upon the arrival of Prime Minister of Japan, Nobusuke Kishi, in Washington.

PEDESTRIAN DEATHS

In a year when automobile fatalities reached a new high, 7,950 pedestrians lost their lives, 50 fewer than the previous records set in 1954 and 1953, respectively.

GOLDEN RULE

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Richwood

Richwood, July 9.- "If you look for the good in a person, you will be busy to see his faults."

—Quoted.

The revival will begin at Central Baptist Church July 14, with the Rev. L. Bailey, of Warwick ... the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hamilton, ... children, and Mr. and Mrs. D. ... A. Pugh spent Friday afternoon in Gladys with Mr. and Mrs. H. Marsh and Mr. Tom Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle, and Mrs. Carter and Floyd Trent visited in the home of Miss Estelle Wooldridge and family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hamilton and children and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were in Lynchburg visiting with relatives Saturday.

G. P. Brannan was in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Hunter Sr. has returned home from a Lynchburg hospital.

Those who visited in the home of D. A. Pugh Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grisham and children.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, and Mrs. G. P. Brannon and daughters were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Richwood, July 3.- Mrs. A. B. Hunter is in a Lynchburg hospital at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy are spending a few days in Richmond at this writing with friends.

G. P. Brannan and daughters were in Lynchburg on business on Tuesday.

Mrs. Myrna Kennedy and children and mother, of Georgia, visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

H. W. Marsh and Mr. Tom Marsh, of Gladys visited Monday afternoon in the home of D. A. Pugh.

Elmo, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Reed, fell out of a pickup and broke his arm last week.

Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Peaches were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore, cut his foot with an ax last week.

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Vera

Vera, July 9.- "He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want. —Prov. 22-16.

We are really having hot weather and need rain.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson, Mr. Robert Coleman, Mrs. Lester B. Harvey, and Mr. Lewis Turnes and Mrs. Eva Hayden.

Mr. T. C. Harvey and Mr. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis on Saturday night.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Abbitt Wooldridge, of Arlington (formerly Virginia Kyle, of Appomattox).

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb Wednesday night.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey and Mrs. Eva Hayden visited Mrs. Maude Abbitt on Friday.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. C. E. Lewis, and wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. T. C. Harvey Sr. celebrated his birthday on Friday. He appreciated being remembered with cards and gifts.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Homer Reynolds is better.

The 4th of July was enjoyed, and passed off very nicely. No accidents that I know of.

New Selective Service Regulations Announced

Men serving satisfactorily as members of units of the Ready Reserve will be classified as not available for induction by Selective Service, local boards Captain Thomas W. White, State Director of Selective Service for Virginia, announced today.

The changes in Selective Service Regulations making ready reservists eligible for classfication in Class I-D were contained in Executive Order No. 10714 signed by the President on June 13.

The latest change in the regulations was prompted by the recent efforts to build up the Ready Reserve, a program which had been lagging up to a few months ago, the State Director said.

The executive order also exempts from registration and liability for induction aliens who are in the United States temporarily as bona fide representatives of foreign press media.

On another phase of Selective Service, the order permits deferment of persons in case of extreme hardship to dependents. Formerly such registrants were required to show both extreme hardship and privation to dependents.

Among other changes to the regulations included in the order is a provision that appeals of conscientious objectors will be referred to the Department of Justice only when the appeal board has decided not to grant the claim of conscientious objection and not to defer or exempt the registrant for any other reason. This change is designed to relieve the Department of Justice of the burden of unnecessary investigations such as was frequent when the investigations were made before the appeal was decided.

Another change in the regulations simplifies procedures for the transfer of a registrant to another local board for physical examination or induction.

Two changes affect the critical skills program. One grants an employer, who has requested the selection of a registrant for the enlistment in the Ready Reserve Critical Skill program, the same appeal rights as the registrant is granted.

Another requires the local boards to inform registrants and employers of their appeal rights with notification of the board's, or appeal board's, action on a request to enter the Ready Reserve Critical Skill program.

Japanese shipyards are looking for new source of orders.

The Frenchh Navy is building a helticopter carrier.

CAUTION ADVISED WHEN FILLING SILOS

Silo-filling can be a deadly business.

That's the warning from VPI specialists who explain that nitrogen dioxide, a poisonous gas that may form in fresh silage, can cause "silo-filler's disease," jamardous to humans and livestock. As little as 100 parts per million of the gas in the air can be dangerous.

Silo filler's disease causes severe coughing and burning or choking pains in the throat and chest. A person who has these symptoms while working in the silo, or afterward, should see a doctor immediately. Serious illness or death can result from delay. Farmers should take extra precautions when filling silos with corn grown in hot, dry years, or with silage made from corn that received heavy applications of nitrogen.

The specialists recommend these precautions:

Run the blower for 10 minutes before going into a partly-filled silo and keep it running while inside.

Be alert to irritating odors. The gas tends to settle in the silo chute and base.

Look for yellowish-brown fumes. Use a flashlight if the silo is dark.

Keep children and animals away from a silo during filling, and for at least a week after filling.

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